



CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Commission Support To Increase the FY 2004-05 Set Aside
From \$1 Million to \$4.25 Million
For the California Public Utilities Commission's
Railroad Grade Crossing Protection Maintenance Program

Resolution G-03-18

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the Automatic Grade Crossing Protection Maintenance Fund was established by the Legislature in 1965 (PUC Section 1231.1) to pay the cities' and counties' share of the cost of maintaining automatic grade crossing protection devices installed by railroad corporations after October 1, 1965; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, since 1967 a minimum of \$1 million per year has been appropriated by the State Legislature and allocated by the California Transportation Commission to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for its Railroad Grade Crossing Protection Maintenance Program; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, in 1973 the federal law changed which resulted in the increased installation and upgrading of automatic grade crossing protection devices; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the total claims submitted by the railroad corporations have substantially exceeded the \$1 million cap since 1977; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, the anticipated claims to be submitted to the PUC for FY 2004-05 are estimated to be about \$4.25 million, which exceeds the annual \$1 million cap by \$3.25 million; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the importance of maintaining the grade crossing protection devices for increased safety on the transportation system.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Transportation Commission supports an additional \$3.25 million set-aside for use in the PUC Grade Crossing Protection Maintenance Program which would increase the total allocation set-aside to \$4.25 million, providing revenues are available in FY 2004-05 from the State Highway Account.